

Seekonk Public Library News

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A monthly newsletter about the Seekonk Public Library

www.seekonkpl.org

Greetings From the Director - Sharon St. Hilaire

This month we are happy to welcome our newest staff member at the library, Melissa Chiavaroli, Adult Services Staff Librarian. Many of you have had the pleasure of meeting her already, but if not, here's an introduction in her own words:

Hello Everyone! First, I would like to thank everyone for the amazing welcome I have received from the staff and patrons. I am thrilled to be the newest member of this team!

I am working in adult services, but you will find me everywhere. I will be stopping in to see the book group on Monday nights and I will be teaching computer classes regularly. I love YA fiction, audiobooks, graphic novels, and movies, so you never know in what corner you will find me next.

I am looking forward to hearing your suggestions for events, items we should add to the collection, and services you would like to see. And yes, I answer questions too. Bring in those requests-even if it seems impossible we will have it-and I will be glad to help you find what you are looking for.

Featured Database



Do you anxiously await your favorite authors' new books? Do you often wish that you could find other authors you enjoy just as much as those treasured few? Then we have the database for you-Books & Authors!

Whether fiction or non-fiction is your reading pleasure, this database can help you to find new titles and authors that will have you turning pages for months. You will never worry again about what you will read next. Instead, you will wonder how you will ever get through that exciting stack of books!

Books & Authors also allows you to keep personalized lists of the books you have read, the books you would like to read, and the reviews you have written. Now, instead of waiting for your favorite author to release a book, that author is going to have to wait for you to have time because your bookcase will be full!

Upcoming Events

April 11-16		National Library Week
April 11 - 16	All Week	Food for Fines
Monday, April 11	6:30 pm	Movie Sing-Along Dress in 50's costumes for a movie featuring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John. All ages.
Tuesday, April 12	4:00 pm	Frisbee!!! World Class Frisbee Show with Todd Brodeur.
Wednesday, April 13	All Day	Snapshot Day Massachusetts Library Snapshot Day documenting "A Day in the Life" of a public library. Be a part of history!
Wednesday, April 13	6:30 pm	Civil War 150th Anniversary Program presented by Southcoast Historical Associates.
Thursday, April 14	6:30 pm	Cindy's Magical Book Tour A magic show based on well-known children's tales.
Friday, April 15	12 noon	Piano Serenade with Beverly Rathbun Bring your lunch & enjoy live piano music in the Library!
Saturday, April 16	All Day	Customer Appreciation Day Enjoy light refreshments as a "thank you" to our community!

Events

Adult Services		
Monday, April 4	6:30 pm	Monday Night Book Discussion <i>Someone Knows My Name</i> by Lawrence Hill
Wednesday, April 6	6:30 pm	Quick Curb Appeal with Annuals Presenter Larry Hindle of Evergreen Tree and Landscape Service shows how to increase your home's curb appeal with annuals. Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Library.
*April 11-16	*	*See National Library Week Events
Wednesday, April 27	6:30 pm	Stage Your Home to Sell Heidi Caron-Guay gives professional staging tips. Sponsored by the Friends of the Seekonk Library
Youth Services		
Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, 30	10:30 am	Paper Crafting Workshop Instructor Sue Burek. Sponsored by the Seekonk Cultural Council. Registration required for each session: April 2, April 9, April 16, or April 30.
Monday, April 11	6:30 pm	Parent Child Book Club <i>Savvy</i> by Ingrid Law. Register online.
*April 11-16	*	*see National Library Week Events
Tuesday, April 19	2:00 pm	Mr. DJ's Ultimate Kid's Party Music, dancing, contests, singing, limbo, disco lights,

		bubbles, prizes and more!! All ages.
Wednesday, April 20	6:30 pm	Magician Matt Roberts Amazing magic and illusions for all ages.
Monday, April 25	6:30 pm	Family Night - Eyes on Owls Teacher/naturalist Marcia Wilson les you see owls up close and personal.
Wednesday, April 27	3:45 pm	The Book Bunch Hear popular Easy Readers and do a fun reading-related craft. Grades K - 2. Registration required.

Registration Now Open

Spring Storytimes

Lapsit - Mondays at 10:30 am

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23 (no session May 30)

Toddler - Tuesdays at 10:30 am

April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Preschool - Wednesdays at 1:30 pm

April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1

Preschool - Thursdays at 10:30 am

April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2

ALL MUSIC with Sarah Gardner

10:30 am Monday, June 6

for children birth to 3 1/2.

Flower Arrangement

6:00 pm Wednesday, May 4

Make a Spring arrangement with Marjorie Johnston. Registration and materials are required. See the Event Calendar listing for details.

Zumba®

10:30 am Saturdays, May 14 - June 4 (4 sessions)

Lead by instructor Sara Greene.

Computer Classes for April and May

Registration is required. Call or register online at www.seekonkpl.org/calendar.html

Basic Computers Series

Wednesday, April 6 - 1:30 pm - Basic Computers

Wednesday, April 13 - 1:30 pm - Basic Internet

Wednesday, April 20 - 1:30 pm - Basic Email

Tuesday, May 3 - 6:00 pm - Basic Computers

Tuesday, May 10 - 6:00 pm - Basic Internet

Tuesday, May 24 - 6:00 pm - Basic Email

Microsoft Office Series

Thursday, April 7 - 6:00 pm - Excel II

Thursday, April 21 - 6:00 pm - Excel III

Tuesday, April 26 - 6:00 pm - Excel Quickstart

Thursday, April 28 - 6:00 pm - PowerPoint I

Thursday, May 5 - 1:30 pm - Word I

Thursday, May 12 - 1:30 pm - Word II

Thursday, May 19 - 1:30 pm - Excel I

Announcements

National Library Week April 11 – 16

Celebrate the 2011 National Library Week "Create Your Own Story" with us April 11 - 16. Check the National Library Week Events schedule above for a full week of activities. The library will be collecting Food for Fines all week as part of the celebration.

Pawsox Discount Passes

Pawsox discount passes are here! With the discount pass, a group of up to 6 people pay a flat fee of \$18 for General Admission seating! Reserve your discount pass for a home game on our [Museum Passes page](#).

Book Reviews in Patch

Look out for weekly book reviews from library staff in [Patch online](#).

Staff Reviews



The Present

By *Gill, Bob*

2010-09 - Chronicle Books

9780811877435 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Mary Ellen says:

While searching for something in his father's closet, young Arthur spots a beautifully wrapped present peeking out from a shelf. Since his birthday was only two weeks away, Arthur spends a lot of time imagining all the things the present could be; a new truck, a new Teddy bear; a new backpack? Then one day a woman comes to the front door looking for charity donations. The publisher's website describes it as "a simple and timeless tale of spontaneous generosity, told with understated humor, great warmth

and a brilliantly direct graphic style which go to the very heart of the human experience." Pure and simple, this story touches your soul and teaches you that the act of sharing is perhaps the greatest present of all. And it's another book that I absolutely loved!



Bury Your Dead

By *Penny, Louise*

2010-09 - Minotaur Books

9780312377045 [Check Our Catalog](#)

BookPage Notable Title

Carol says:

Inspector Armand Gamache is asked to investigate the murder of a man in the English Library of Quebec. This brings up another unsolved mystery to where the founder of Quebec, Samuel de Champlain, was actually buried. There are three mysteries to be solved in this book. Louise Penny does a very good job of combining a murder mystery with Canadian history. Since I have vacationed in Quebec I felt like I was right in the middle of all the suspense.



Swapping Lives

By *Green, Jane*

2007-05 - Plume Books

9780452288508 [Check Our Catalog](#)

Melissa says:

Jane Green is one of the authors whose releases I wait for on the edge of my seat. She is laugh-out loud funny on one page and then on the next I am crying my eyes out. *Swapping Lives* tackles the question of whether a woman should be a stay-at-home wife and mom or a do-it-all career woman. Even though Green gives women some powerful things to think about as the heroines look at the pros and cons of both lifestyles, this is not a heavy read.

Vicky is a single magazine editor in London and Amber is on the Stepford wife track in CT. Not only are these women switching lives, but cultures as well. There is romance, flashy parties, babies, and even the PTA gets in on the act! Anytime I pick up a novel by Jane Green, I know I am going to read something smart, funny, and so emotionally genuine that by the end of the book, my life has changed just as much as the characters have having lived through the experience. Read it and let me know what you think!

Library Statistics - February

Items Circulated: 24,904

Children's programs: 16; Attendance: 452

Adult programs:18; Attendance: 170

Reference Questions: 224